

January 6, 2009

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Charlie McClendon, Avondale, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, January 14, 2009 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
January 14, 2009**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

4. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).

3. Information.

4. Information and discussion.

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. Approval of November 12, 2008, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the November 12, 2008, meeting minutes.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

- *5B. Project Changes – Amendments, and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and Material Cost Changes to the ADOT Program

The FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007, and the FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 25, 2008. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 TIP and the FY 2009 ALCP are listed in the enclosed tables. An administrative modification does not require a conformity determination. In addition, Table A notes the material cost changes related to cost increases to the ADOT Program. The Pedestrian Working Group, the Regional Bicycle Task Force, the Transportation Review Committee, and the MAG Regional Council have taken various actions on the projects listed in the tables. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- *5C. Consultant Selection for the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Integration Plan

The FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2008, includes \$75,000 for the development of the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Integration Plan. A request for proposals was advertised on September 19, 2008, for consultant assistance to develop the plan and seven proposals were received in response. A multi-jurisdictional review team evaluated the proposals, conducted consultant interviews, and recommended to MAG that EDAW, Inc. be selected to develop the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Integration Plan. The MAG Regional Bicycle Task Force recommended that EDAW, Inc. be awarded the contract to develop the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Integration Plan for an amount not to exceed \$75,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 5B. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, the FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program, as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, and material cost changes to the ADOT Program as shown in the attached tables.

- 5C. Recommend approval of the selection of EDAW, Inc. as the consultant to develop the MAG Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Integration Plan for an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*5D. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed amendment involves several projects, including the addition of Arizona Department of Transportation MAG Proposition 400 noise mitigation projects. The proposed administrative modification involves several projects, including funding changes to an Arizona Department of Transportation project on Interstate-10 and Gilbert intersection improvements at Guadalupe Road and Cooper Road. The amendment includes projects that are exempt from a conformity determination and the administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by January 23, 2009. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5E. Recommendation of Prioritized List of Proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2009 CMAQ Funding

The FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget and the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program contain \$1,210,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funds for the purchase of PM-10 certified street sweepers. PM-10 certified street sweeper projects were solicited from member agencies in the Maricopa County PM-10 nonattainment area and 15 applications requesting \$2.7 million in federal funds were received. On December 11, 2008, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee made a recommendation on a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 certified street sweeper projects for FY 2009 CMAQ funding. Prior to the AQTAC recommendation, the MAG Street Committee reviewed the proposed streetsweeper applications on October 16, October 22, and November 12, 2008, in accordance with FY 2009 Draft MAG Federal Fund Programming Principles. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. Consultation.

5E. Recommend approval of a prioritized list of proposed PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects for FY 2009 CMAQ funding and retain the prioritized list for any additional FY 2009 CMAQ funds that may become available due to year-end closeout, including any redistributed obligation authority, or additional funding received by this region.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5F. Working Group to Develop a Model Dark Skies Ordinance and to Provide Suggestions for Enhancing Existing Dark Skies Ordinances

In October 2008, a member of Arizona's astronomy community provided a report to the MAG Management Committee about issues related to outdoor light pollution in Maricopa County. It was reported that outdoor light pollution creates a significant waste of electricity and money, and degrades the visibility of our night skies. This affects the world-class observatories located in the state. During the presentation, the counties, municipalities and Tribal Nations were requested to consider revisiting the adequacy and enforcement of their respective lighting ordinances in an effort to provide quality lighting to improve visibility, save energy, and protect dark skies. The Management Committee will be requested to provide names of individuals in their jurisdictions to participate in a working group to develop a model Dark Skies ordinance.

*5G. Draft Maricopa Region Community Emergency Notification System (CENS)/Reverse 9-1-1 Standard Operating Procedures

When the current service provider for the region's Community Emergency Notification System (CENS) informed Maricopa Region 9-1-1 that it would no longer continue to provide this service, a procurement process was conducted for a new vendor. Plant CML, whose product is Reverse 9-1-1, was selected to provide this service. It is necessary to update the standard operating procedures, which were approved by the MAG Regional Council in 2003, to accommodate the new product. A multi-agency team has developed draft standard operating procedures for the new system. The MAG PSAP Managers Group and the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team reviewed and recommended approval of the draft procedures. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Recommend that MAG convene a Dark Skies Stakeholders Working Group.

5G. Recommend approval of the Draft Maricopa Region Community Emergency Notification System (CENS)/Reverse 9-1-1 Standard Operating Procedures.

*5H. Discussion of the Development of the FY 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

Each year, the Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget is developed in conjunction with member agency and public input. The Work Program is reviewed each year by the federal agencies in the spring and approved by the Regional Council in May. This overview of MAG's draft Dues and Assessments and the proposed budget production timeline provides an opportunity for early input into the development of the Work Program and Budget. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5I. MAG Socioeconomic Projections to 2035

In accordance with Executive Order 95-2, MAG prepares subregional socioeconomic projections. These projections are used as input into transportation and air quality models. The 2007 MAG Socioeconomic Projections for population, housing and employment by Municipal Planning Area (MPA) and Regional Analysis Zone (RAZ) for July 1, 2010, 2020, and 2030 were approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2007. A 25-year planning horizon consistent with the 2007 projections is needed to support potential transportation planning projects. MAG needs to extend the 2007 set of projections to 2035 by using the Control Totals for 2035 consistent with the 2005 Special Census and adopted by the MAG Regional Council in December 2006. The MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) approved the use of base data and methods consistent with the 2007 Socioeconomic Projections to extend the projections by MPA and RAZ to 2035 and have reviewed and provided comments on the draft 2035 projections. The POPTAC recommended approval of the extension of MAG 2007 Socioeconomic Projections to 2035 for resident population, housing and employment by MPA and RAZ. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5H. Information and input on the development of the FY 2010 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget.

5I. Recommend approval of the extension of the 2007 MAG Socioeconomic Projections to 2035 for resident population, housing and employment by Municipal Planning Area (MPA) and Regional Analysis Zone (RAZ).

*5J. Consultant Contract for AZ-SMART Support

The FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2008, includes a \$45,000 project for AZ-SMART support. MAG is in the process of developing and implementing a statewide socioeconomic model, Arizona Socioeconomic Modeling, Analysis and Reporting Toolbox (AZ-SMART). The AZ-SMART socioeconomic modeling suite will primarily support socioeconomic activities at MAG. AZ-SMART will build upon a model that MAG currently uses, the Subarea Allocation Model (SAM). This model was developed by Planning Technologies. Since Planning Technologies is the developer of SAM and has been supporting MAG in the design of AZ-SMART, it is uniquely able to provide detailed technical guidance and support on the implementation and testing for AZ-SMART. Staff is recommending that Planning Technologies be selected to provide support for AZ-SMART in an amount not to exceed \$45,000. Please refer to enclosed material.

*5K. The 2009 Set of International Codes

At the November 2008 MAG Building Codes Committee (BCC) meeting, members discussed an initiative to reach consensus in unison on the 2009 International Codes, prior to the jurisdiction adoption of these codes. These codes include: building, mechanical, plumbing, electric, residential, fire, energy, fuel, and performance. The MAG BCC makes recommendations on the development, interpretation and enforcement of building codes in the MAG region. It also provides a regional forum for construction, development, and other issues as they relate to building codes. In an effort to promote uniformity throughout MAG jurisdictions under the purview of life safety a motion was passed to recommend that each jurisdiction consider adopting the 2009 family of International codes as published by the International Code Council (ICC). Please refer to enclosed material.

5J. Recommend approval of the selection of Planning Technologies for AZ-SMART support for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.

5K. Recommend that each jurisdiction consider adopting the 2009 family of International Codes as published by the International Code Council (ICC).

- *5L. Status Update on the June 30, 2008 Single Audit and Management Letter Comments, MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and OMB Circular A-133 Reports (i.e., "Single Audit") for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008

The public accounting firm of Cronstrom, Osuch, & Company, P.C. has completed the audit of MAG's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Single Audit for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. An unqualified audit opinion was issued on November 10, 2008 on the financial statements of governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information. The independent auditors' report on compliance with the requirements applicable to major federal award programs, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Single Audit. The Single Audit report indicated there were no reportable conditions in MAG's internal control over financial reporting considered to be material weaknesses, no instances of noncompliance considered to be material and no questioned costs. The Single Audit report had no new or repeat findings. No new or repeat Management Letter comments were issued for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 5L. Recommend acceptance of the audit opinion issued on the MAG Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2008.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. Amendment to the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for a Commuter Rail Study and Transit Staff Position

At the November 17, 2008, Regional Council Executive Committee meeting, a Union Pacific Rail Development Corridor Plan was discussed. It was noted at the meeting that for MAG to conduct additional commuter rail work a transit staff position would be required and that MAG has a 1/4 staff position that could be assigned toward a full-time position. It was discussed that the potential scope for the project would be discussed at the MAG Commuter Rail Stakeholders Group in December and the issue brought before the Management

6. Recommend approval for MAG to continue development of the commuter rail options in the MAG region and the potential connecting routes immediately adjacent to the MAG region and for MAG to include a full-time transit staff position to assist with these and other transportation related studies and to amend the FY 2009 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include funding for the study option(s) selected and to continue this work with the URS Corporation as an additional phase of the existing commuter rail study.

Committee and Executive Committee in January 2009.

On December 17, 2008, the MAG Commuter Rail Stakeholders Group met and discussed the need for additional commuter rail corridors to be included. The group indicated a desire to conduct a comprehensive study of the rail corridors and possible connection options throughout the MAG region. Due to the expanded nature of this study request, staff has prepared options for consideration by the Management Committee. These range from conducting a systemwide planning study to preparing corridor development plans for certain corridors, with additional corridor development plans to follow in 2010.

At the MAG Commuter Rail Stakeholder Group, the Arizona Department of Transportation indicated that they would be embarking on a statewide rail framework study, including areas within the MAG region. Staff is recommending that new rail studies within the MAG region and connections immediately adjacent to the MAG region be conducted by MAG to achieve better efficiency and coordination with the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroads. In a subsequent meeting with representatives from ADOT, it was agreed that MAG would take the lead on rail corridors within the MAG region and connections immediately adjacent to the MAG region. MAG would also work cooperatively with ADOT on the information needed for the connections to the MAG region for the statewide rail framework study. ADOT indicated that their information would be at a higher level than the information developed by MAG. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Status Report on the Performance Measurement Framework and Congestion Management Update Study

In April 2008, MAG initiated the Performance Measurement Framework and Congestion Management Update Study to develop a regional transportation measuring and monitoring framework in preparation for the State mandated 2010 performance audit as well as to update the

7. Information and discussion.

Congestion Management Process in compliance with recently adopted SAFETEA-LU federal requirements. MAG staff will provide a summary and update on the progress of this consultant study. Phase I, a review and assessment of best practices, was successfully completed in September 2008. A draft of this report is available on the MAG website. Phase II, the development of regional performance measures and reporting methodologies, is currently underway. A preliminary framework for regional multimodal performance measures will be presented as well as an assessment report and gap analysis of all MAG observed data sources. A Technical Advisory Group has been formed and is participating in the development of the Regional Performance Measurement Framework. Please refer to the enclosed material.

8. Proposal to Advance a Portion of the Williams Gateway Freeway

Mesa has requested consideration of a proposal to advance a portion of the planned Williams Gateway Freeway. The advanced project would build the ramp connections with the Santan Freeway and a connection to Ellsworth Road. When completed, the project would provide a better connection to the planned new entrance on the east side of the Phoenix - Mesa Gateway Airport. The attached summary shows the requested advancements for the design, right of way, and construction phases of the project. Mesa has proposed issuing Highway Project Advancement Notes (HPAN), which are secured by the city's excise tax, to fund the accelerated construction. Since Mesa would be issuing the debt, there is no impact on the freeway program's financing capacity. The interest expense on the debt would be divided equally between the Freeway Program and Mesa as stated in the MAG Highway Acceleration Policy adopted February 27, 2008. Mesa has requested that the \$20.4 million of Statewide Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) funding that was approved by the MAG Regional Council for right of way acquisition for the freeway be used to cover the interest expense on the financing. Mesa has proposed that 50 percent of the STAN funds would be used to offset the city's interest obligation and the remaining 50 percent be used to offset the Program interest. According to

8. Recommend approval of the Mesa request to advance the design, right of way and construction of an interim connection of the Williams Gateway Freeway between the Santan Freeway and Ellsworth Road by approximately three years to be incorporated into the draft FY 2010 to FY 2014 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the Regional Transportation Plan for a conformity analysis and that the STAN funds allocated to the Williams Gateway Freeway for right of way acquisition be used instead to pay for the interest expense associated with the proposed acceleration, recommend that the request for the change in the use of the STAN funds be forwarded to the State Transportation Board for consideration, and recommend authorizing the MAG Executive Director to enter into an agreement with ADOT and Mesa.

the proposal, the net interest cost to Mesa would be \$9.611 million and the Program share would be the same at \$9.611 million. Mesa understands and agrees that if the schedule for the project is delayed due to higher program costs or lower program revenues, the reimbursement to Mesa would be delayed as other projects are also delayed. The Program share of the interest cost represents an additional cost to the Program, however, this additional cost would be offset by the accelerated construction of the project. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Transportation Planning Update

An update of the financial outlook for the Regional Freeway Program will be presented based on the revised revenue forecast and cost updates. Overall options to manage the Program that were discussed at the November 2008 Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) will be presented.

9. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

10. Legislative Update

Recently Congress has been considering a stimulus package to boost the national economy. To provide information for this effort, staff has provided funding amounts in transportation and other categories that may be possible to implement in a short period of time. Staff will provide an update on these Congressional efforts.

10. Information and discussion.

11. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

11. Information.